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Inquiry: In accordance with JCAHO Patient Safety Goals the hospital I work at is preparing a general policy for Critical Value result reporting. Is it within the scope of practice of licensed RCP's to receive Critical Value Test results?

Response: It is definitely within the scope of practice for respiratory practitioners to receive critical value results and also act upon those results that are specific to cardiopulmonary diseases and treatment. Results that are not specific to cardiopulmonary should be defined in the policy with the process respiratory practitioners should follow to ensure no critical value fails to get reported appropriately.

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